on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, "The Canaller," at the meeting of 3 October. Dr. Powell stated that he would make the necessary arrangements, and would negotiate the highest possible fee for the Society.

Letters of thanks, it was noted, should be sent to Joseph Bianco, and the Pioneer Days Committee for their help in publicity during the event, to Steve Oliveri and Torch Lumber for their help in the landscaping of the park area around the historical marker at the side of City Hall. It was also recommended that a news release on the park, with a photograph, be prepared for the Carbondale News.

Dr. Powell reported that the interview that he and Mr. Loftus had given Rich Mates of WEJL/WCZX's Issue Line had been broadcast on 19 August, and that a tape of the interview would be forthcoming. Mr. Tomaine noted that the original arrangements had been made in early 1982, when he and Dr. Powell had braved a snowstorm to go to Scranton and discuss the matter with then-News Director, Barney Stone.

Dr. Powell also reported that the Homestead 4H Club had given $5.00 for the yearly upkeep on their flowerbox, and that Earl Honaker was given a box from the park for emplacemnt at Northeastern Bank. Mr. Honaker's mother has given the Society several postcards, and two invitations.

On 27 August it was reported, the Society applied to the Scranton Area Foundation for a $50,000 grant, to be used inconjunction with the proposed "Coal, Steel, and Steam" museum.

On 20 August, checks were presented to the three raffle winners, John Cerra, who won $214.50 and turned it over to the City of Carbondale, V. Kulikowski, who won $128.70, and Mary McDermott, who won$85.80.

Dr. Powell noted for the record the fact that Volume 1, Number 2 of the Society's Newsletter has been sent out. He specifically stated that a copy had gone to the officials of the Job Taining Partnership Act, who funded the employees that the Society had had during the summer. The officials of the program are Frank Gaudenzi and Fred Lettieri.

The question was raised as to whether or not Tom Ruddy, Executive Director of the Carbondale Housing Authority, had ever gotten back to the Society with a reply on the matter of installation of the PHMC marker on the Authority's property. Dr. Powell stated that they had not yet decided, and that he would contact Mr. Ruddy.

Mr. Tomaine then reported that the pictures requested by Paul Holtz, of the PHMC, had been sent to him. The photographs showed the south roof of Carbondale City Hall prior to the reroofing by the Society and the PHMC. Dr. Powell has stated that it is possible that the pictures will be used in publicity by the state.

Mr. Tomaine stated that he had ridden on the first scheduled excursion of Steamtown. Miss Stephens promptly announced that she had been on the real first ride, in February, 1984. Mr. Tomaine replied that that ride had not been as significant, in that it was not an excursion run, it did not mark the true opening of the museum in Scranton, and was only one half mile long.

Miss Stephens then reported that she had finally been successful in finding a bus company that was familiar with Kempton. The Probst Bus Comapny will provide a price for a possible excursion by the Society to the Wannamakers, Kempton, and Southern, a steam railroad that Mr. Tomaine had suggested in July as a possible destination for a bus trip.

Dr. Powell then noted that the Carbondale Area Chamber of Commerce has sent a Letter to the Carbondale Historicle Society (sic), asking us to join. Mr. Tomaine pointed out that the misspelling of the Society's name is not unlike the petitions that the chamber had circulated, which cited the "ineptability" of city officials in attempting to get the former Dundaff Street viaduct removed. He commented that Jerry Palko, of the Scranton Times, had written a column about that incident, enclosing the misspelled word in quotation marks each time he used it. When the column was read at a chamber meeting, noone, apparently, realized what the point of the column truly was. He added that they had simply viewed the column as an attack on the chamber's idea of circulating a petition.

Dr. Powell then rhetorically asked what benefits the Society would gain by being members of the chamber. He stated that the possibilities included children's fingerprinting, and rabies clinics. It was decided that an attempt would be made to trade memberships with the chamber.

New directors were then nominated, to be elected at the annual meeting. The nominations were as follows, with the name of the nominating party in parentheses: Mr. Pascoe (Miss Stephens), Eleanor Spellman (Mr. Pascoe), Jim Hepburn (Mr. Tomaine), Florence Box (Mr. Loftus), Louise Anderson (Dr. Powell), Miss Stephens (Mr. Loftus), and John Klimkiewicz (Mr. Loftus).

Mr. Tomaine then reported that he and Mr. Loftus had met with Norm Barret, who has located several of the remaining NYO&W diesel locomotives. Mr. Barret is confident that they can be obtained from their present owner, the Consolidated Rail Corporation, for either scrap value, or more likely, a donation. He also said that one of the last remaining D&H Alco RS 2's may be available, and indicated that the D&H may be willing to give the Society the former Diesel Shops in Carbondale, and a site for the Tracksville station that has been offered to the Society. He offered to handle any negotiations with the D&H, since he is a conductor for them, and supplied the names of the contact people at ConRail.

A railroad committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. Tomaine, Loftus, and Hepburn, to look into the matter, and if feasible, take the proper steps to procure the locomotives and land. Mr. Tomaine noted the historical significance of the equipment, and added that it would fit into place well with the NYO&W cars from Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman.

Mr. Tomaine also stated that he had located another NYO&W coach, which appears to be old enough so that it may actually be a New York and Oswego Midland car. He stated that it is possible that this coach may also be obtainable. Although it is in less than pristine condition, he pointed out that a master cabinet-

maker, Phil Stofanak, had inspected it and pronounced it to be sound, enough so that with little work, it could survive the trip from its present location at Summitville, New York, with little trouble. Mr. Stofanak also had been quick to point out the fact that enough of the car is still in place so that duplication of the missing pieces would not pose any great problems. Mr. Tomaine will attempt to contact the owner of the car, to discuss a possible transfer.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm, on a motion by Mr. Hepburn.

Robert J. Tomaine, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum, Inc. was held at 9 pm, Thursday, 20 September, 1984 in Room 301, Carbondale City Hall. Present were S. Robert Powell, PhD, Society President, John V. Buberniak, First Vice-President, Hank J. Loftus, Second Vice President, Robert J. Tomaine, Secretary, and James Hepburn.

Dr. Powell opened the meeting by requesting that Mr. Tomaine read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Tomaine stated that he did not have the minute book with him, since he had come straight to the meeting from work. It was agreed to proceed directly to business at hand.

Dr. Powell noted that he will, along with Carbondale City Manager Robert Davis, meet with George Joel, Executive Director of the Scranton Area Foundation, in the near future. The purpose of the meeting will be to answer Mr. Joel's questions on the application that the Society recently submitted for funding. This funding is to be used in conjunction with the funding which was applied for to the National Endowment for the Humanities, and will establish the planned "Coal, Steel, and Steam" museum which the Society has proposed to be placed in the former Post Office.

Dr. Powell stated that he is optimistic after having spoking to Mr. Joel on the telephone.

Mr. Loftus then informed the Executive Committee that the matter of overdue tax returns and payments has been dealt with. He explained that all proper forms have been filled out, and that Dr. Powell need only write an explanatory letter, and sign the various forms.

Mr. Loftus also announced that he has arranged the Society's membership in the Lackawanna County Rail Users' Association. This is the group that has a direct interest and involvement in the retention of rail service on the former Delaware & Hudson mainline from Carbondale to Scranton. The railroad had placed an embargo on the line, claiming it was unsafe, due to the poor condition of the roadbed after the coal fills had been removed. They would not, therefore, provide any service and this was seen by a number of regional officials as being the first step toward eventual abandonment of the line, and removal of the rail. While at present the Society has no active interest in the use of the line, there are plans that have been made that depend in their entirety on the continued existence of the trackage. Mr. Loftus pointed out that the membership in the association will not have any cost to the Society.

Mr. Loftus then noted that arrangements have been made for the benefit concert by the Allyn Benson Revue. The date will either be 27 October or3 November, depending on the availability of Marion Hall at St. Joseph's Hospital. It was decided to hold the event on the later date, if possible, to allow time for planning. Costs of the fundraiser will be $150 for the use of Marion Hall, and $500 for the band.

Dr. Powell noted the importance of the Society's "moving fast" on the matter, and asked Mr. Loftus if he would care to be incharge of the project. Mr. Loftus